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organizations, and the projects funded by the program are for public education, clean-up of public areas and recycling. The money is allocated in percentages established by the Environmental Quality Council, this is done on an annual basis. The current percentage allocation is 45 percent for public education, 5 percent for clean-up, and 50 percent for recycling. If anybody has an interest, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality annually puts out a report on who gets the grants and what the money is used for. With that, I would urge your support for the passage of LB 337 and would try and answer any questions you may have. That concludes my opening remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. We're discussing the advancement of LB 337. Open for discussion on that bill. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock, I'm sure you're aware of the \$175 per million that is paid now to the DEQ for recyclables and so on and so forth. And then there is also a \$25 annual fee. I don't want to do anything right now, but on Select File would you be amenable to possibly looking at an amendment that would put those two together, put the two together so that those people that are paying the two fees would be able to do so at one time? Right now they come due at different times during the year. It would simplify things for those people; I think there is something like 20,000, 30,000 people that this affects. Would you look at something like that on Select File? I don't want to do it now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, for a question.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Janssen, I think we need to talk to the Department of Revenue and they have apparently indicated some concerns. But if we can work something out with them that looks like it makes sense, I will be glad to accommodate your concerns so we could have one annual payment instead of two different fees.